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C O N F I D E N T I A L //N03800//
US AUX AFB GREND BAHAMA FOR MADOR FLOYD, CO, US ASX AFB
GREND TURK
ARSON IN TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS (U)
1. (C) FOLLOWING SUBMITTED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO
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ARSON AT GRAND TURK ISLAND DURING PAST 48 HOURS:
(A) THREE FIRES HAVE OCCURRED IN DOWNTOWN COCKBURN TOWN, GRAND
TURK ISLAND DURING THE PAST 48 HOURS. TWO OF THE THREE WERE
DELIBERATELY SET AND MAY HAVE BEEN POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.
(B) USAF BASE GRAND TURK RESPONDED TO THE FIRST FIRES AND THE

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THIRD OCCURRING AT 062200 LZT WAS OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE TO REQUIRE EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL FROM BOTH USAF BASE AND NAVFAC TO CONTAIN IT. 4 BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED IN THE MOST RECENT FIRE. NO US PERSONNEL OR PROPERTY WERE DAMAGED. THE GOVERNMENT OF GRAND TURK DOES NOT HAVE ANY FIRE FIGHTING CAPABILITY.

2. (C) A JOINT MEETING OF NAVFAC/USAF AND TURKS AND CAICOS GOVERNMENT REPRESENTIVES IS PLANNED FOR 070900 LZT MAY 78. UNODIR, LHE NAVFAC POSITION WILL BE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PROTECT THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF US CITIZENS, BUILDINGS BELONGING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS AND THE RESIDENCES OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

3. (C) CO, NAVFAC WAS ADVISED BY LOCAL RESIDENT AT 062000 LZT A FIRE WOULD BE SET TO RETALIATE FOR THE FIRST FIRE IN THE CURRENT SERIES. IN VIEW OF THE PAST HISTORY OF POLITICALLY MOTIVATED ARSON AND THE UNSTABLE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS THIS MAY BE THE BEGINNING OF SERIOUS UNREST ANTICIPATED BY EARLIER MESSAGE REPORTS. SITREP TO FOLLOW. CO, NAVFAC GRAND TURK SENDS.

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